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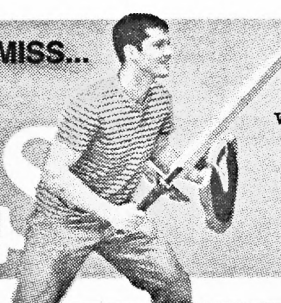
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Students create 'swap' to alleviate book hassles

Jordan Lewis
Staff Writer

Each semester, in addition to signing up for classes, students undergo the complicated task of buying books.

Olivet students who purchase books from the campus bookstore or online may consider a third option: Swappable.

Swappable.us specifically allows users to, "swap" books with other ONU students. The website, created by juniors Bruce Cheek and Joe Schindel, has been available to students since summer 2011.

The idea came when the two students noticed many of their peers would opt to trade books instead of paying for them online or in the bookstore; their website aims to make this process easier with a more organized system of trading.

According to web developer Bruce Cheek, the concept started off as a Facebook group, but eventually grew to a website this past summer. The Facebook group still exists, but the website has become a more streamlined version. According to the developers, the Facebook group will soon be phased out altogether.

The Swappable Website was designed over a period of more than 30 hours. The major advantage the website has over the Facebook group is ease of use, according to Schindel. The website allows users to quickly upload their schedule and see what books other students are selling or trading.

"It takes less than five minutes to upload your schedule and find the books you need; you can find your books almost instantly," Schindel said.

In order to access the website, a student needs a username and password. Once the account is created, the student can search for books, similar to the process of finding books on Olivet's bookstore website. Once a student finds a book he or she needs, the website links to the owner's e-mail.

Not only is the website streamlining the way students buy books, it allows them to often purchase at a lower price than competitors.

"[Swappable] allows me to buy used books from my peers at a cheap price and I can sell my books too," junior Jade Green said.

The site also shows what price Amazon is selling the book for, which allows students to price their book accordingly.

Another useful feature is that the website allows students to see what condition the books are in, Schindel said.

Cheek and Schindel agree if the website continues to be a success they would like to open it up to other schools in the area, or other Nazarene schools.

Students speak out

Criminal justice majors frustrated with Woodworth's decision to not renew his contract at ONU



Dr. Brian Woodworth calls teaching at ONU his 'dream job' and praises God for the opportunity to work here.

Nicole Lafond
Assistant News Editor

The administration has decided to discontinue the contract of Dr. Brian Woodworth, associate professor of criminal justice, after May 2013. In response, some students have voiced their opinions of disapproval.

At a Nov. 14 meeting with Dr. Gregg Chenoweth, VP of Academic Affairs, Woodworth was told his contract would not be renewed after May 2013. He has until February to decide whether or not he will be returning to ONU for the 2012-2013 school year. Woodworth has been an associate professor of criminal justice at Olivet for five and a half years.

Students from the criminal justice major were quick to react to the university's decision to not renew Woodworth's contract.

Junior Katie Farris has taken all of her criminal justice courses with Woodworth and disagrees with the university's decision.

"Not only is Woodworth a great professor, he's also a great mentor," she said. "His students can talk to him about anything. ONU has always wanted professors and students to have a good relationship ... I have grown so much as a person because of him."

Professor Craig Bishop was recently hired to the criminal justice department and has a police background while Woodworth teaches with a law background. Because of his prominence in the department, students are worried about its future once Woodworth leaves.

One such student is sophomore Lindsey Tobias, who is concerned the department will regress. "Whoever replaces him will have some big shoes to fill," she said.

Despite concerns, Woodworth is not worried about the future of the department. He has "no doubt" the University will find someone competent to take his place.

Frustrated students have written letters and met with members of the administration to voice their opinion on the matter. A Facebook page has even been created, titled "Keep Prof. Woodworth at Olivet!" The page was designed to allow students to share their frustrations and let their professor know how much he has impacted them, as cited in the page description.

Sophomore Faith Cavender sent an email to Dr. Bowling expressing her frustrations.

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Christmas party replaces banquet

Meagan Ramsay
News Editor

Ludwig will be transformed into a "winter wonderland" Sunday, Dec. 11, for an all-school Christmas event.

Dubbed "The 12 Days of Christmas," the party is a replacement for the cancelled winter banquet. Each major activity and event will be themed as a day described in the classic song, and all three floors of Ludwig will be decked out in holiday décor.

"You're going to recognize it because it's Ludwig, but it's nothing like we've ever done before," VP of Social Life Mitch Johnson said.

The third floor will have a "chill feel," with old movies playing and popcorn. The

cafeteria will be completely open, and special music guests will be the main attraction.

In addition, photo booth opportunities will be set up and students can make their own crafts as well as decorate one of the many trees scattered throughout Ludwig.

"They are going to be completely decorated by students. That's why they're bare right now," Johnson explained.

Lower Ludwig will become "Green and Red Room" where students can indulge in "old-school" peppermint milk shakes and eggnog.

There will be fun activities such as bingo, karaoke in The Zone and possibly Dance Dance Revolution.

Common Grounds will take on a "homey" atmosphere with hot Christmas beverages and a saxophonist playing live Christmas music.

Johnson said all four classes will tackle a different portion of Ludwig, so each floor will have a unique atmosphere.

"We're trying to have a little bit of everything for everyone," Johnson said. "Banquet was very exclusive, and we want this to be as inclusive as possible."

There will be many additional holiday contests - including an ugly sweater contest - prizes and giveaways for students.

The event begins at 8 p.m. and Johnson encourages students to demonstrate their Christmas cheer.

"Dressing up is completely encouraged but not required. [Students] can wear a Santa hat, an elf suit or grandpa's sweater from 1920," he said.

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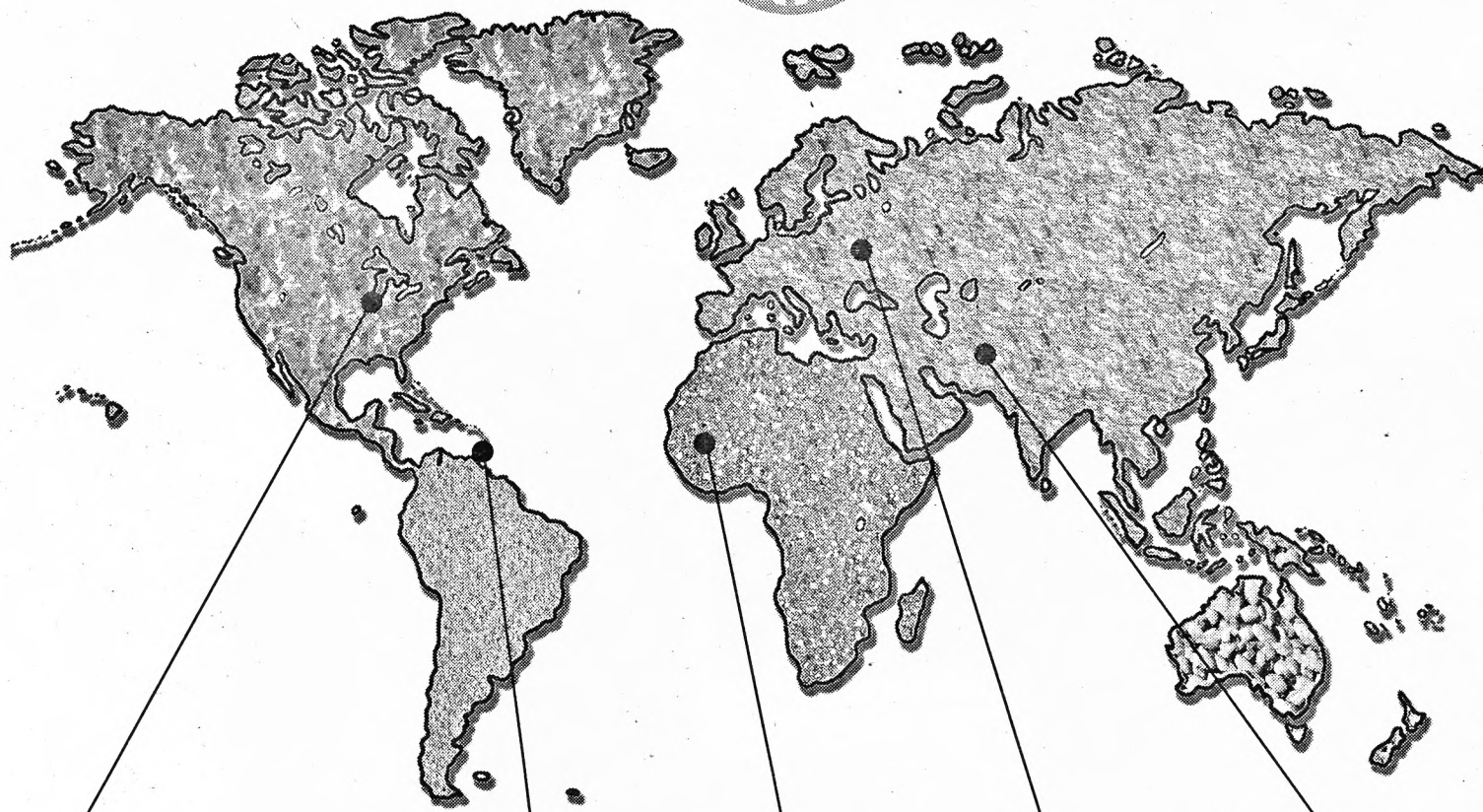
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A GLOBAL GLIMPSE



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Chicago, ILLINOIS

Rod Blagojevich was sentenced to 14 years in federal prison Dec. 7, for 18 felony corruption convictions, including attempting to sell or trade President Obama's vacant Senate seat.

Blagojevich apologized an hour before the sentencing to residents of Illinois, the judge and to his family.

"I have nobody to blame but myself for my stupidity and actions, words, things that I did, that I thought I could do," he said.

His crimes carried maximum sentences that could have kept him behind bars for hundreds of years, but federal prosecutors argued he deserved only 15 to 20 years in prison.

"I accept the peoples' verdict, Judge, they found me guilty ... All I can say is I never wanted to hurt anyone," he said.

-The New York Times

Port of Spain, TRINIDAD

Sixteen men held for an alleged plot to kill the prime minister and other officials in Trinidad and Tobago have been released Nov. 6, due to sufficient evidence against them, police said.

Prime Minister Kamla Persad-Bissessar reported the alleged plot Nov. 24, saying police had uncovered plans to kill her and several members of her Cabinet in response to her government's crackdown on crime in the southern Caribbean nation.

The men left the jail just before the midnight expiration of the emergency order, covering their faces and quickly getting into vehicles. A crowd shouted "freedom" as they drove away.

Kamla provided no details of the alleged plot and opposition leaders had expressed deep skepticism.

-Associated Press

Bamako, MALI

Between 20,000 and 40,000 children work in artisanal gold mines in Mali, Africa's third-largest producer of gold, according to a Nov. 6 Human Rights Watch (HRW) report.

According to a statement released by HRW, "children as young as six dig mining shafts, work underground, pull up heavy weights of ore and carry, crush, and pan ore."

Many children work alongside their parents to supplement meagre incomes, while others migrate to the mines by their own doing and end up exploited by relatives or strangers who take their pay.

Mali's ministry of mines reports the country exports about four metric tons of gold every year, worth roughly \$218 million.

-AFP News Agency

Moscow, RUSSIA

Hundreds of people took to the streets of Moscow for a second day Nov. 6, demanding an end to Vladimir Putin's 12-year rule. The crowd defied a crackdown by tens of thousands of police reinforced by Interior Ministry troops.

Police detained about 250 people during the rally when they tried to stage an unapproved rally.

The Nov. 5 rally was the biggest opposition rally in Moscow allowed in years. But about 2,000 special troops and 50,000 police were out to extinguish the next day's rally.

The protests are a further sign of pressure on Putin to make changes after his United Russia lost ground in a parliamentary election Nov. 4.

The election was criticized by Washington and European monitors say it was a slanted election.

-Reuters

Kabul, AFGHANISTAN

Explosions hit the Afghan cities of Kabul and Mazar-e Sharif Nov. 6 on the Shiite holy day of Ashura, killing at least 58 people.

One attack occurred when a suicide bomber detonated a device at a shrine in Kabul, which killed 54 people and injured 150.

In Mazar-e Sharif, the provincial capital of Afghanistan's northern Balkh province, another four people were killed by an explosion. 21 people were injured in that attack.

The attacks came a day after Afghan President Hamid Karzai warned the Taliban could make a comeback as the country struggles with security only one decade after an American-led coalition ousted the hardline militia from its long-held and hard-fought power.

-CNN

Future unknown for Woodworth

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"I love being here at Olivet, but this will greatly change the criminal justice program and it has made me think twice about coming back," Cavender's letter stated. "The University is losing one of its greatest professors and role models. If [Woodworth] does not measure up to the University's standards, I am not sure who would."

For Woodworth, the outpouring of support from students and alumni has been a reassuring affirmation of what his mission has always been as a professor. "My mission is to be a professor, mentor, father figure and friend to all of my students," Woodworth said. "I serve my students by teaching them values and knowledge."

His students know he will do

anything to help them, Tobias said. "I can ask him for help on anything and he will drop whatever he's doing to help me."

Although disappointed, Woodworth's initial reaction to the news was relief.

"It's hard to describe. I didn't know what the future would hold from the end of last semester until the meeting," he said. He had met with

Chenoweth last February. At the meeting, Chenoweth indicated the non-reappointment of his contract was a possibility. Woodworth said the school has been fair to him and he was aware this was a possible outcome.

The University's reason for not

reappointing Woodworth's contract cannot be commented on, according to Chenoweth. "Disclosure might satisfy curious or upset inquirers, but exposes the employee to disrespect," Chenoweth said of the University's policies.

Woodworth also chose not to comment on the details of his contract. "The decision was made based on differing philosophies ... [and] a difference of opinion as to the mission and service of being an Olivet faculty member," he said.

Despite the "differing philosophies," Woodworth loves Olivet and respects the University's decision. "I am grateful for the early notice Dr. Chenoweth gave me.

He really didn't have to inform me of the decision until [this coming] February."

If he had a choice after all of this, Woodworth would continue to teach at Olivet because of his students and the relationships he has developed with members of the faculty and staff. However, he views his predicament as a question of whether he is doing what he wants to do or what he believes God wants him to do.

"I would rather go where God wants me to be, because He will fully take care of me," Woodworth said.

He will continue to work at Olivet until he finds a new job.

"I am thankful for the extra year I have been given on my contract. Whether or not I will return next semester or next year depends on when I get a new job offer."

I would rather go where God needs me to be because he will fully take care of me...

Higher Grounds is repurposed

Justine Espersen
Staff Writer

With the closing of coffee shop Higher Grounds this semester comes a new place for Grand, Howe and Stadium residents to fellowship exclusively.

Students living in the aforementioned residences can now hold events there, as long as a resident assistant (RA) is present.

"Originally, we started out by using Higher Grounds as a place to hold weekly RD and RA meetings," Grand RD Bethany Knight said. "But Dean Webb wanted us to utilize it, so he gave us access to it."

Since the property was already owned by ONU, it was simply handed over to the RDs and RAs of the three complexes.

The location and facilities provided allow easy access without having to purchase new appliances or seating.

"The facility really allows a lot of possibilities as there are two stories and a full kitchen that we have access to. It also has all the tables, and games it had when [the coffee shop] was open," Grand RA Aubrey Dee said.

The first big event the students had this semester was "Open Mic Night," where over 70 people gathered in the upstairs room of the coffee shop.

"We served caramel apples and popcorn and had two hours of poetry, music and dramatic reading," Knight said. "It was a great opportunity, because it drew out some residents that usually don't participate in bigger school activities."

Since the "Open Mic Night," students have also hosted several birthday parties at Higher Grounds.

In addition, Higher Grounds hosted a "Grand Christmas Party" this week, as well as had Christmas cookie-making contests and



PHOTO BY MORGAN MCCRIE

Ashley and Spencer Cook perform at "Open Mic Night" Nov. 20 at Higher Grounds. Elisabeth Barnes (left) and Tessie Herbert were part of the audience.

stations for the girls to eat food and do crafts.

Higher Grounds is meant to become a meeting space, an area where the residents can come together and relax.

"I think the idea is to really have a facility those [resident] buildings can use as a unique 'hang out' location since we do not have a building like the [Olde Oaks] Treehouse," Dee said.

A crash course in tuition

Nicole Lafond
Assistant News Editor

Nov. 17 marked the completion of 80 percent of the semester and the end of tuition funds, leaving the remaining 20 percent of the semester's expenses in the hands, and hearts, of University donors.

Tuition Free Day was celebrated on the 17th to recognize the gifts given by donors, some sacrificially, to help students finish their education without the great debt that would come from an increased tuition, said director of annual giving Jean Martin.

"We never want to be in students' faces, but we want them to know how much we depend on donors. Tuition Free Day began in 2009 to celebrate the generosity with which ... alumni and friends give to the school," she said.

This year, students wrote thank-you notes to the donors for their

contributions to the University. The table and notes were set up in Ludwig all day and students didn't hesitate to show their appreciation.

"We decided that next semester we will need two tables," Martin said. "We got 160 notes [from students] in two hours." These were sent to 160 different donors.

Donors give to ONU in many ways. They can give unrestricted and restricted gifts. If they choose to give unrestrictedly, the money can go into any aspect of need on campus, while restricted donors give for certain projects such as the construction of Centennial Chapel.

No student-paid tuition money ever goes into the construction of buildings on campus, according to VP for Finance Doug Perry. Once a building is built, however, tuition money is used to maintain it.

The University receives \$2.5 million from churches around the region as well; this money is used

entirely for student scholarships.

In general, student tuition supports the salaries of faculty and staff members as well as the operating costs of the buildings on campus, Perry said.

There are currently 7,000 individual donors that are active with the University; the continual goal is to increase the base of Olivet's donors.

"We want to increase the levels of giving from donors," Perry said. "If we have more revenue from other sources, we will be less dependent on tuition. Also, more scholarships would be funded rather than unfunded."

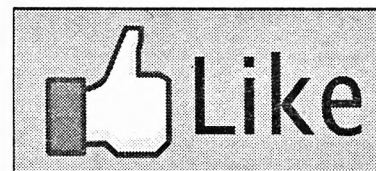
Scholarships that are unfunded are not paid for by endowments or donations.

At this point, ONU gives out \$1 million in endowment scholarships and \$32 million in unfunded scholarships.

"We would like to see an increase in the levels of funding for scholarships," Perry said.

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Blackboard replacement to begin spring semester

Nicole Lafond
Assistant News Editor

Jouel, a new learning management system, has been introduced to the ONU community with hopes it will replace Blackboard next fall.

The decision to adopt a new learning system was a year-long process, because hassles typically emerge with the integration of new technology. Essentially, the decision to change systems was made because Blackboard was not meeting the needs of professors and students.

"There have been a lot of issues with Blackboard not being

compatible with different browsers and the system does not upgrade often enough," said Barb Axmark, IT training and instructional support specialist. "There were also several different things that professors wanted to do with Blackboard that required a far too complicated process."

There have also been a large number of complaints regarding the usability of SafeAssign.

To address these issues, IT chose not to continue with the new Blackboard upgrade this year and to adopt the new program, Jouel.

Jouel is a learning management system that is a branch off from the widely used program Moodle.

"There is more flexibility with Jouel," Axmark said.

The system offers the same features Blackboard offers, but navigating and creating pages is much simpler. Jouel offers an easier online grading process that allows students to see their professor's comments.

Jouel has been used by four different professors this semester and will be used by 48 professors in the spring. The IT department hopes it will be the dominant learning management system used in fall 2012, because incoming freshmen will be taught the Jouel program exclusively.



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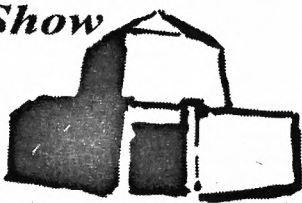
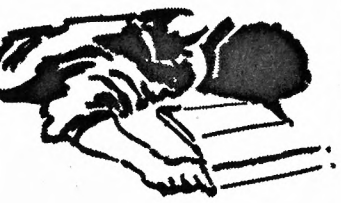
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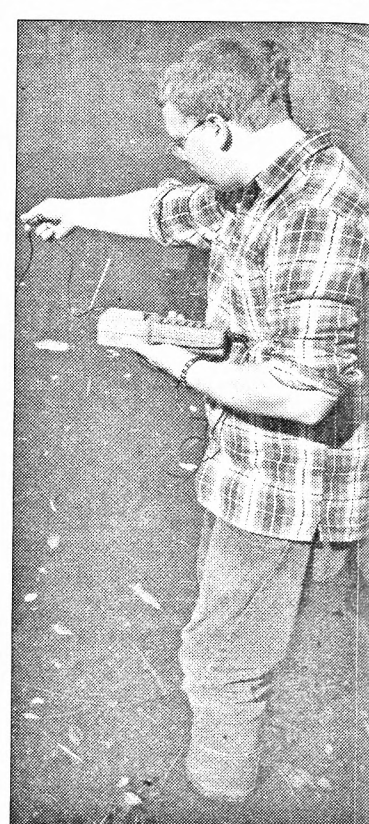
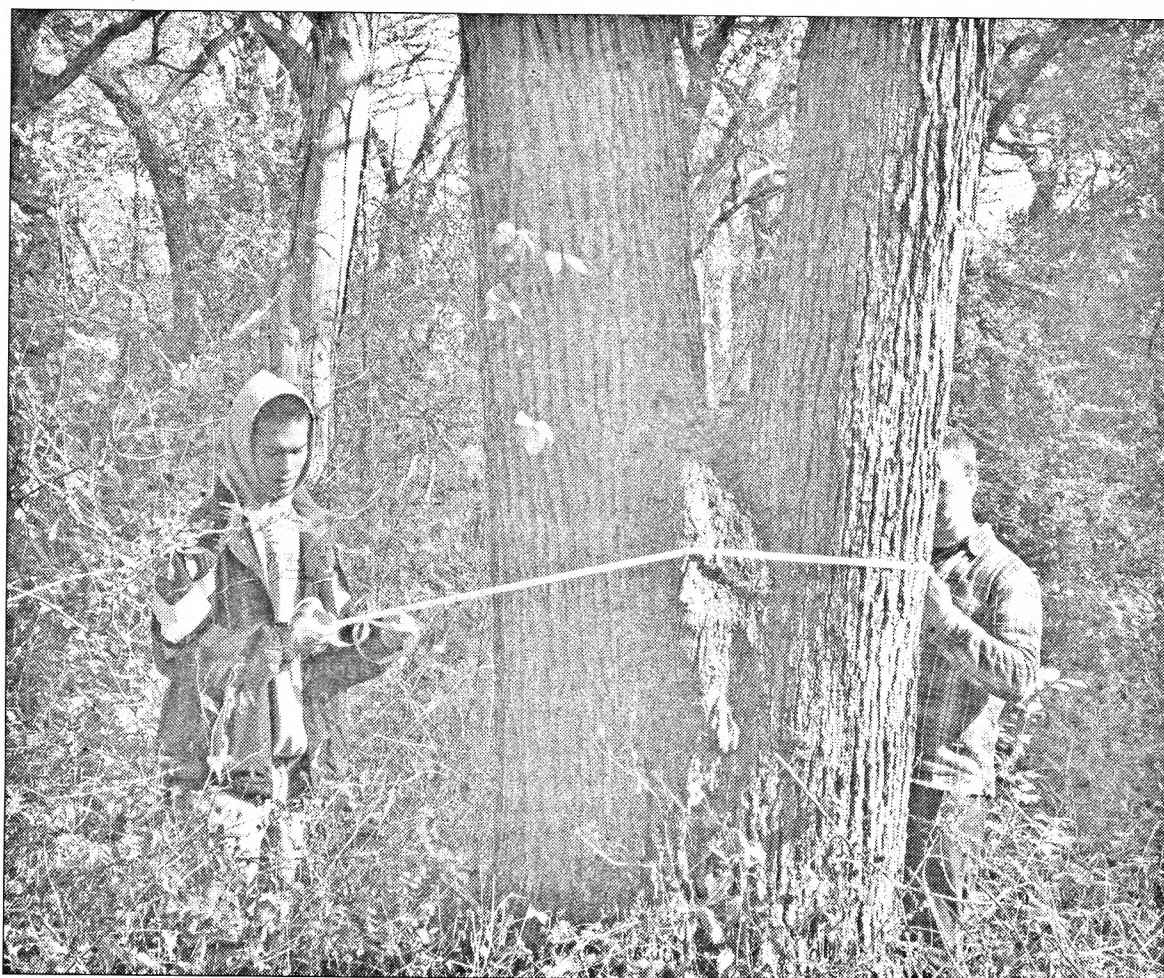
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Left: Senior Garrett Sevingy and junior Jacob Hoskins analyze the tree density. Above: Hoskins takes measurements of the pond at Big Rock.

Biology department acquires land

Justine Espersen
Staff Writer

Biology students have always had the opportunity to do field exploration in nature reserves, but this year a new option has been added.

Last spring, Dr. Walter (Wally) Quanstrom donated more than 15 acres of property located in Big Rock, Ill. (west of Aurora) to ONU.

Quanstrom, who was BP Amoco's Group Vice President, HSE, until his retirement in 2000, taught in the late 1960s and early 1970s at ONU and wanted to pass on his land to the school.

"He donated [the property] to the University, but Wally, who is a biologist, hoped [the Biology Department] would make use of it," biology professor Dr. Leo Finkenbinder said.

ONU followed through with Quanstrom's wish. Finkenbinder's vertebrate classes, along with Dr. Randy Johnson's ecology classes,



Dr. Walter Quanstrom donated Big Rock property to Olivet for biology students to use for field experience.

have utilized it greatly.

"We have been using the property for field trips in a couple of our biology classes. We plan to continue to do that over the next couple of years," Finkenbinder said.

The property, named Big Rock after the small rural community in which it is situated, consists of a forested area, two ponds, a creek, a house, a caretaker's house and two large shed-like buildings that can be used for laboratories and/or maintenance storage.

If one of the shed-like build-

ings is converted into a laboratory, students in the ecology and vertebrate behavior studies classes will be able to utilize it for research studies without having to leave the site.

"It's a great site because it has the possibility to establish set research without people tampering with the research. The only problem is the distance," Johnson said.

The property is less than two hours from campus, which does not allow students to get to the property and do research during their three-hour lab sessions.

Despite the distance, Finkenbinder took his vertebrate behavior studies class to Big Rock last year, and Johnson took his ecology class to the site earlier this semester.

"We're trying to involve different types of field experience for the students," Finkenbinder said.

Field experience includes samplings of populations of birds and small animals. Students do this by setting up traps for the animals and freeing them after research is conducted.

It also includes the analysis of deer trails and plots analyzing density of trees.

"This property provides a new and different opportunity we haven't had before," Johnson said.

Other properties for field experience include: Kankakee State Park, Perry Farm, the South Lake Michigan Dunes, Indiana Dunes, Mskoda Prairie and Savanna (eastern Kankakee) and Midewin Tallgrass Prairie in Wilmington, Ill.

Students cash in with 'Card-o-poly' contest

Heather Mead
Staff Writer

Olivet's own version of Monopoly, "Card-o-poly" debuted on campus this semester as a competition aimed at highlighting locations that accept Tiger Dollars.

From Nov. 2 to Dec. 2, students filled out Card-o-poly cards at 10 locations.

"[Students needed to] go to six off-campus vendors and four on campus and bring [the receipts] to my office," explained Jana Hacker, head of the campus card office.

The vendors ranged from Taco Bell to Unlimited Tan to campus vending machines.

Like any contest, Card-o-poly offered incentives for students to participate.

"[Once completed,] they automatically got a T-shirt and were entered into a drawing to get an iPad 2," Hacker said.

Students will receive their T-

shirts in January, she added. The orange shirts will represent both Olivet and Monopoly, as they display Toby the Tiger in Mr. Monopoly attire, wearing a monocle.

The drawing for the iPad 2 will be held Dec. 11 at the all-school Christmas Party in Ludwig.

Some students took a fun approach to complete the requirements of Card-o-poly.

"It was super fun. We gathered together some friends and planned out a route and did it like a scavenger hunt," sophomore Caleb Carr said. "It was like the amazing race style."

Hacker got the idea for the cards when she attended a Blackboard conference in March to look for marketing ideas.

"[We] wanted something fresh," she said. "[Jones County Junior College in Alabama] designed [the Card-o-poly program] and it went really well."

Olivet has been working with

Blackboard since the conference to develop the program for ONU, she added.

The results of this year's trial run will decide if the program will run again next year.

"It depends on how this turns out. We'll look at deposits and sales and see if it's worth it again

next year," Hacker said.

Whatever the results, instigators hope the contest brought a fresh view to the Tiger Dollars system.

"Tiger Dollars can be boring or it can fun," said Miller cashier Sharon Bellomy. "I think it's a really fun way to get Tiger Dollars to grow."



Students who participated in the contest have a chance to win an iPad 2 at the Card-o-poly drawing Dec. 11.

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Chris Tomlin in concert

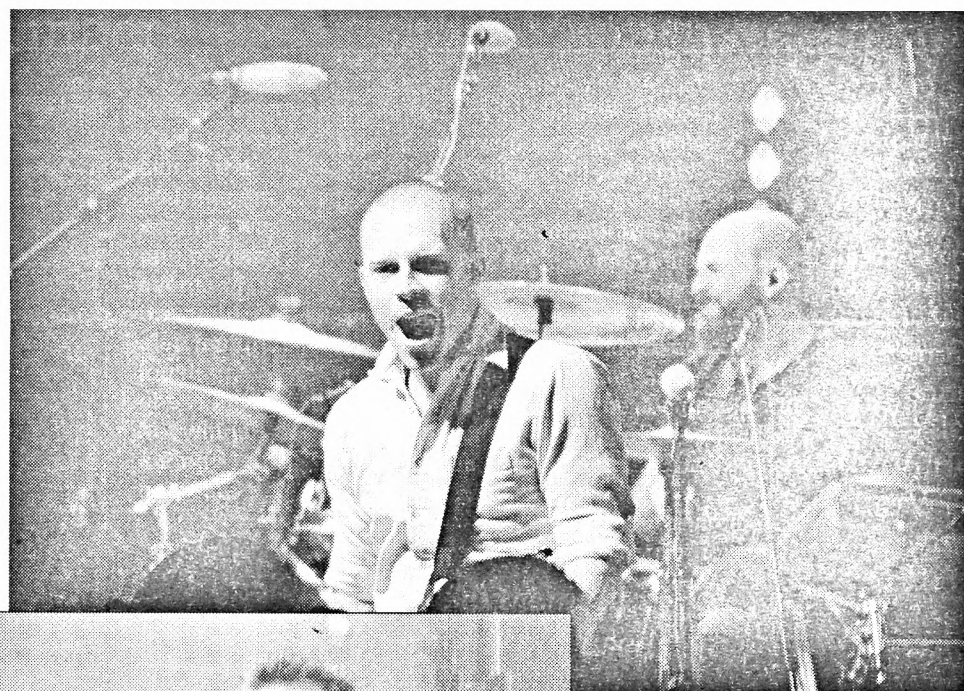
Olivet welcomed Chris Tomlin in Centennial Chapel Nov. 16. Tomlin and his band performed songs such as "Our God," "Your Grace Is Enough" and "Jesus Messiah."

Chris Tomlin is a successful artist in Christian music. He has nine No. 1 songs and more than 3 million album sales to his credit.

He is a three-time winner of Male Vocalist of the Year and two-time winner of Artist of the Year at the Dove Awards from the Gospel Music Association, according to doveawards.com.

Tomlin won two Billboard Music Awards in May 2011 for Top Christian Artist and Top Christian Song for his worship melody "Our God," according to Billboard's website.

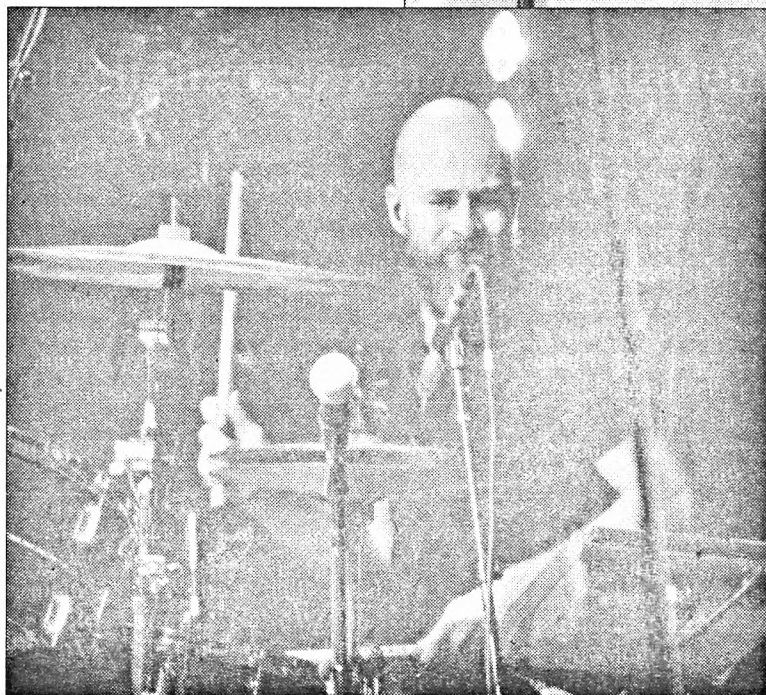
Right: More than 2,300 people attended the Chris Tomlin concert in November.



Left: Bassist Jesse Reeves gets the crowd excited.



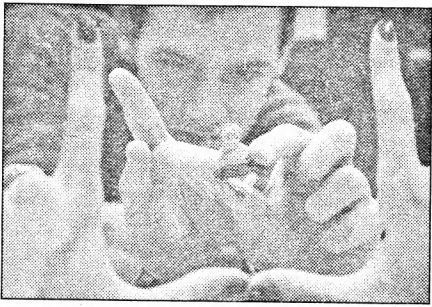
Right: Musician John Owen Parish plays to the beat of his own drum.



Right: Electric guitarist Daniel Carson accompanies Chris Tomlin.



Dear In the Headlights,



Away with the manger
Jimmy Phillips

Since Christmas day is nearly here, with you a story I will share. The other day I met a friend.

"There is no peace on earth," he said.

"For him no longer drums we play, but drums of war awake each day. Our gifts to Christ we rarely bring. With hollow words, those songs we sing. Today the baby we ignore, hang mistletoe above the door. We've crucified the day of light and hope for things brought in the night."

I tried to stop him ere more he spoke, for here on earth there still is hope. The joy of Christmas oft will spread when his Nativity is read; the miracle of virgin birth is more than Santa's presents' worth. Consumed by what his eyes could see, he looked at me dismayed. He couldn't understand me, he thought the birth of Christ waylaid. When the truth is really opposite: nothing will bar the Son. I urged for him to celebrate with me the coming one.

"The night is dark; there is no star," my unhopeful friend exclaimed. "The angels must be off afar, no glories here proclaimed." I asked him of the holly and the ivy that was sung. What did he know about it, or were his stockings all that hung? He stared at me without a sound, how silently he lie. I said that faith will hold the door, then he began to cry.

"I have sinned and doubt I had that God will soon prevail. Nothing can withstand His love, a mighty blowing gale."

So I ask for to you sing along with me this merry season. Work as one to right the wrong and restore the holy reason. Leave your laden shopping cart and make straight to Bethlehem. A Savior's born to cleanse your heart, the greatest gift is given.

I know this sentiment is shared aloud most every single year, but that is no excuse to malign the need for cheer. Grow a pair tree; get it done, spread the Christmas joy. There is really no excuse, no need for acting coy. It's the duty of our faith to strive to change the globe. Even if the dent is small, we'll loosen Wal-Mart's hold. I'm sick of Christian apathy and joining with the crowd. It's time to sing the carols and scream the truth out loud. Christ is born and that is why we get a little break. Scrooge Santa, elves and reindeer too, the day my Lord will take. I'm getting rather incensed, let gold and myrrh content. I'll go with Jesus' presence, his perfection that was sent. Yule be sorry should you choose to ignore the Savior's cradle. Lords may leap and ladies dance, but all to no avail.

God is not dead, nor does he sleep, as my favorite carol goes. His loving act should touch you deep, warm amid the winter's snow.

Please, celebrate your stockings off.

*From Russia With Love,
Jimmy*

Have a happy, healthy holiday

Danae Zarbuck
Contributing Writer

Our society is surrounded by food. We eat food on every occasion – birthdays, weddings and holidays – and for every purpose – survival, socialization and boredom.

Thanksgiving and Christmas are definitely two holidays at which Americans eat the most. According to the National Turkey Federation, approximately 46 million turkeys were eaten on Thanksgiving and 22 million were eaten on Christmas in 2010.

And this is just the main dish. What about all the sides? Cranberries, stuffing, green bean casserole, ham, sweet potatoes, pie, cake, etc. fill our plates and our stomachs during the holidays.

A common myth is that Americans gain an additional seven to 10 pounds between Thanksgiving and New Year's Eve. However, the average American gains only about one pound during the holiday season, according to the American Dietetic Association in November, 2011. In fact, only 5 percent of the population actually gains the seven to 10 pounds.

How can you make sure you stay trim during this holiday season and not become part of the 5 percent?

Here are five easy tips to help you avoid those unwanted pounds.

1. Eat small amounts of your favorite snacks.

This is very key, especially when attending holiday parties that have a smorgasbord of delicacies. Instead of piling your plate high, pick out a few things that look really good and take a small helping of each. Fill the rest of your plate with veggies or whole-wheat crackers and cheese.

2. Avoid hanging out by the food table.

For many people, if food is nearby, they will eat it. This is why chilling by the food table can be a bad idea. By standing by the food during a party, you are more likely to increase your caloric intake, even if all you are eating is snack items. Calories add up fast! Spend your time socializing with the people around you, not loitering by the food.

3. Don't eat like it's going out of style.

When you arrive at a party, do not immediately run to the food table and devour three plates full of hors d'oeuvres and mini desserts. It takes about 20 minutes for your brain to realize you are full. Take a small plate of food and slowly munch on it. You will come to find out you are actually full before you decide to head toward the buffet

one more time.

4. Eat a filling food before attending a party or get-together.

Eating a healthy snack before you get to the party will help you not eat as much during the party. By eating a snack, like some fruit or a slice of whole-grain bread with peanut butter, you are getting food in your stomach, so by the time you arrive at the party, your brain thinks your stomach is on its way to being full, so you will be less inclined to eat as much.

5. Drink plenty of water.

Not only is this a good tip for everyday life, but it is especially important during the holiday season. Mild dehydration can come across as feeling hungry, but instead of food, all you really need is a glass of water. Drinking water while eating also helps your stomach better digest your food.

So, enjoy the holidays this year. Make sure to plan time for activities and be conscious of recipes you prepare, but do not restrict yourself from eating your favorite holiday dishes.

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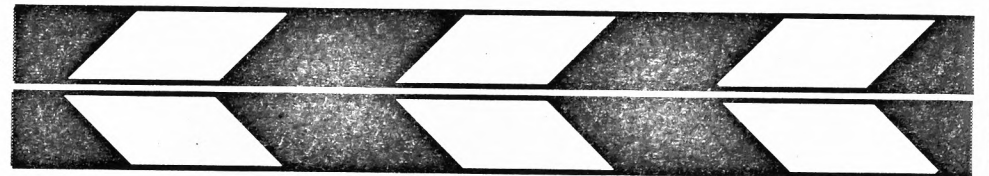
Scenes & Stones



We live in a broken world. Since it is broken it has many parts but instead of being shattered beyond repair, our world can be whole by putting every part back where it belongs. There are no spare parts, the world has just enough parts to be whole. This is what Hugo seeks to do: find where he fits in and fix the world – one part at a time.

"Hugo," a new film from Martin Scorsese, tells the story of Hugo Cabret. He is a young boy who lost his father in a fire, forcing him to live with his uncle at a train station, where he learned to fix clocks and keep them running. Hugo and his father were hard at work fixing things before his untimely death. The need to fix things stayed with Hugo.

Hugo embodies the concept of being the



hands and feet of Christ in his desire to find a place for himself to fit in, as well as helping others fit into place. By fixing this broken world in whatever way he can, Hugo unknowingly finds himself getting closer to where he belonged all along.

As Christians, we should have a desire to be the hands and feet of Jesus and a desire to fix the broken. We can't always do it ourselves. We need each other. Even Hugo needed help from a friend throughout the events of the movie.

God is a source of strength to fill us and guide us in our journeys to repair the hearts and minds of His children. By following His will, we will slowly click into the place we belong.

The importance of God's plan is so grand, we often don't see the big picture. Sometimes it is hard to keep moving forward, because we don't necessarily understand God's plan since His schematics for our lives are very complex. But it's not all about us and our Father's plan for us; it's

about how we fit into His plan for all.

Hugo found his place in the world through his desire to fix things. God can use our desires, too. We must trust that our forward motion, mostly powered by grace and mercy, will lead us home, where we belong.

Hugo said in the movie, "I'd imagine the whole world was one big machine. Machines never come with any extra parts, you know. They always come with the exact amount they need. So I figured, if the entire world was one big machine, I couldn't be an extra part. I had to be here for some reason."

God made this machine we call earth. Each of us is His invention. He made each of us for a reason and we all fit together to make a working mechanism. There are no spare parts. We have a purpose in God's blueprints, even if we can't see His fingerprints on them at the moment.

You are here for a reason. Embrace this truth, and the rest of the parts will fall perfectly into place.

on our wall* What favorite Christmas traditions do you have with family or friends?



Sophomore Sarah Cochran,

"Every Christmas morning, we wake up really early and go around the tree and read the story of Jesus's birth."



Junior Taylor Polatas says,

"My dad always makes a really nice breakfast on Christmas and we do breakfast stuff and open presents."



Senior Chad Hemphill says,

"Every Christmas Day after lunch at my grandpa's, my family clears off the dinner table and we play euchre for like six hours."



Freshman Cody O'Riley says,

"Sledding down Suicide Hill [in my hometown]."

*This edition of "on our wall" contains answers received from people on campus. In the future, we'd like your input! Like "The GlimmerGlass" on Facebook and post your responses to the question on our wall. We'll choose four random responses for every issue.

Fun and funding: Semesters abroad

Ryan Dykhous
Contributing Writer

One of the purposes of a college education is to expand intellectual horizons and gain exposure to many different ideas, perspectives and schools of thought on different issues. It is often difficult, however, to gain an appreciation for differing worldviews in an environment that subscribes to a single overarching perspective. In many ways, studying abroad can be one of the greatest assets in any education, with its ability to expose students to new ideas and challenge held beliefs.

I had the opportunity to spend this semester abroad studying at the University of Oxford in England. While here, I have been exposed to ideas and people I would normally never have come across. I have also been able to sit down to tea, or go out to lunch, with people who share a wholly different view of the world than I do. Not only that, but I have been able to attend lectures on subjects I would normally never come into contact with at Olivet, as well as experience the grandeur of a world-class research university.

Probably one of the best experiences I have had while abroad was my tutorial in political theory with Dr. Gideon Elford. Dr. Elford is a junior dean and lecturer at one of the colleges at Oxford, has a Master's degree and a doctorate, and is only 31 years old. Every other week, when I would prepare an essay on assigned reading for our tutorial, I would look forward to our conversation on issues such as rights, sovereignty and global justice. Not only was I able to discuss academic issues directly with an Oxford professor, but I also was able to gain the perspective of someone who lives a life distinctively different from mine.

Other people who have had the opportunity to study abroad have nothing but amaz-

ing things to say, about their experiences, the classes they were able to take, the people they were able to meet and the new perspective they gained from their time in another country or a different academic setting. Whether it was learning Mandarin Chinese or witnessing first-hand the Arab Spring in Egypt, the ability to go somewhere new for a semester and take advantage of all there is to see and do in the world is an invaluable

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Personally, I was fortunate to be able to study abroad at Oxford, not simply because I was accepted to the program, but also because I had the means financially, whether through loans, out-of-pocket payment, or otherwise, to attend the program, however, I know this is not the case for many students at Olivet. In fact, I believe the current financial aid package for study abroad prevents many students from fully realizing their collegiate opportunities.

Currently, Olivet offers students up to \$2,500 in scholarship money for studying abroad. It doesn't matter what your current scholarship package is, because the maximum amount that can be received is \$2,500.

While this might seem like a substantial amount, it is a drop in the bucket when compared to a semester abroad that can cost anywhere from \$14,000 to \$18,000. Students who currently rely on financial aid or merit or athletic scholarships to fund their college education are not able to fund study abroad opportunities with scholarship.

To be fair, the university has reasons for not crediting study abroad students with their full scholarships. The way scholarships at Olivet work, and the way they work at almost all universities, is essentially as a discount on attending school. It does not cost anything out of pocket for Olivet to offer scholarships, but it is instead a deferred cost of admission for aided students. Study abroad programs, on the other hand, take money directly from the University, thus costing Olivet money. If Olivet were to subsidize study abroad fully for every student who wanted to do so, it could end up being financially disastrous for the University. It is for this reason I believe Olivet has opted to support students, but only very minimally.

I want to suggest Olivet takes a second look at its funding policy for study abroad programs. Clearly, study abroad opportunities are a significant draw for prospective students, and can add a substantial amount of value to any student who undertakes a semester, or even a year, abroad. While Olivet has good reasons for limiting its amount of aid offered, I believe there is perhaps a better way to approach study abroad scholarship so that every student can have a better opportunity at gaining a rich experience in a vastly different academic and living environment, without having to shoulder a heavy financial burden.

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Editorial

'Blago' got what he deserved

Justice has finally been served.

Former Illinois governor Rod Blagojevich was sentenced to 14 years in federal prison for corruption convictions on Wednesday, Nov. 7, according to CNN.

Among other charges, Blagojevich was accused of trying to sell President Barack Obama's Senate seat after Obama was elected president in November 2008. After his arrest a month later, Blagojevich was impeached.

A jury convicted him of 18 corruption counts in June of this year.

Blagojevich apologized to Illinois residents, to his family and to the judge an hour before his sentencing, saying he had no one to blame but himself; however, his sincerity was hard to believe, since this was the first time he had admitted wrongdoing since the start of the trials two and a half years ago.

After the judge's ruling, prosecutor Patrick Fitzgerald said the sentence was justified.

"Blagojevich betrayed the trust and faith that Illinois voters placed in him," Fitzgerald told CNN on Wednesday. "People have the right to expect that their elected leaders will honor the oath they swear to, and this sentence shows that the justice system will stand up to protect their expectations."

'People should be able to rely on their leaders, as they decisions they make affect more than just the decision-maker.'

Illinois residents expected their governor to keep the commitment he made to uphold the values of both the state and federal Constitution when he was sworn into office. Because he failed to keep his commitment to citizens, Blagojevich deserves what he got.

People should be able to rely on their leaders, as the decisions they make affect more than just the decision-maker. Blagojevich chose to serve himself, which ultimately resulted in the demise of his job as well as his character.

After Obama's Senate seat was vacated in November 2008, federal investigators caught Blagojevich on tape discussing what he could get out of the situation, including campaign donations, a high-paying job and a cabinet position.

"I've got this thing, and it's [expletive] golden," he said on the tape. "And I'm just not giving it up for [expletive] nothing."

Blago's crass comments show he was not only unprofessional in his conduct as a leader, but he also was not concerned with what was best for the people he governed over. His emphasis was only on himself.

Blagojevich maintained his narcissistic arrogance to the very end. He did not admit to any wrongdoing until after his conviction, and did not apologize until the day of his sentencing.

A responsible leader admits when he is wrong, not because he has been found out, but because he sets the example for the people he governs and has a moral obligation to do what's right for them.

Blago did not live up to his duty to guard the interests of the citizens he led, and now he is paying the price.

I hope he looks good in orange.

Turkey-talk sparks new debate

Matt Van Dyke
Contributing Writer

One of the most important of American holidays is Thanksgiving. Since 1863, when Abraham Lincoln proclaimed the first federally recognized Thanksgiving, Americans have regularly taken this day to celebrate and thank God for His blessings over the course of the year.

While it is true that many people use this time to thank God, it is not a religious holiday. As is the case with Easter and Christmas, Thanksgiving has been secularized and incorporated into mainstream American life.

While Thanksgiving has not been a political issue for some time, it has recently transcended into the pundits arena. In the yearly Presidential Thanksgiving radio speech, President Barack Obama, in his rather short message, did not mention God by name. This ignited a major discussion between a couple of groups in America.

The first group, the right wing, suggests this is evidence of "Socialist/Marxist" tendencies.

"Somebody ought to remind Obama (and his speechwriter) that when Americans sit down around a meal today and give thanks, they give thanks to God," columnist Sherman Frederick wrote in "The Las Vegas Review-Journal."

Is this really that big of a deal?

The president of the United States does not have the social responsibility to name-drop God. I would hope people would be more upset if someone mentioned God but only did it for lip service.

This isn't just a partisan issue, either. Mitt Romney, Newt Gingrich and Rick Santorum also did not reference God in their respective Thanksgiving wishes. Have we really gotten that shallow, as a faith community, to become outraged simply because our specific deity was not mentioned by name? If you read Obama's message, the spirit that has always been self-evident in Thanksgiving is present throughout the speech.

Although many Evangelical Christians may disagree, this is not an overtly negative transition. According to a 2009 Gallup poll, while 78 percent of American citizens profess some sort of Christian faith (including Protestant, Catholic, Mormon and other faiths), only 56 percent see church as "very important." This comparison illustrates the diversity of faiths in America.

According to a Nov. 24 article on Fox News, "most American of blessings [is the] chance to determine our own destiny."

This statement reflects us all as Americans, not just as Christians. If you think about it, the president is the leader of all Americans, not just Christians.

When you think about Thanksgiving in the future, remember the holiday is for everyone, not just Christians. To be honest, it was always meant to be.

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Need Advice?

Email glimmerglass@olivet.edu with your questions

Senior Sarah Schrock accepts her award at the Silent Night Masquerade in the Warming House last Friday. Each senior who attended the ball received an award chosen for them by their friends. Some of the awards were silly, like "most likely to teach a cat how to play trumpet."



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Seniors Josh McLaren and Natilee Bertolozzi talk together after receiving their awards.

Masquerade, paper faces on parade

Justine Espersen
Staff Writer

The sounds of the string quartet greeted each senior as they walked into the Warming House Saturday evening, Dec. 2.

At the entrance, seniors were given the choice of a decorated mask, first-come, first-serve, to be worn throughout the Silent Night Masquerade event. Chinese lanterns hung from the ceiling, and lights and roses hung from an archway toward the back of the room by the drinks and cabaret tables.

The mood was set, and students were ready to socialize and receive their awards.

"I [enjoyed] the atmosphere when we walked in: the dimly lit room with elegant white lanterns hanging from the ceiling, the

string quartet music playing and the gorgeous outfits and masks everyone was wearing," senior Dayna Bruss said.

The senior class council hosted the masquerade for 125 students to replace Christmas banquet.

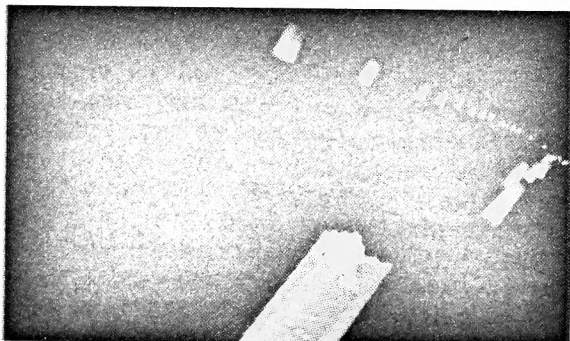
"We wanted to provide an event that would give our seniors a chance to still go to some sort of a winter banquet," Kayla Rolling, senior class president, said.

Each student who attended received an award, which was predetermined by the student's friends and roommates beforehand.

The silliness of the awards brought a sense of lightheartedness to the evening.

"I got [the award for] 'craziest dancer,' and my roommates got 'best mom' and 'fancy pants,'" senior Amy Price said, laughing.

Paper lanterns guide the way to the Silent Night Masquerade.



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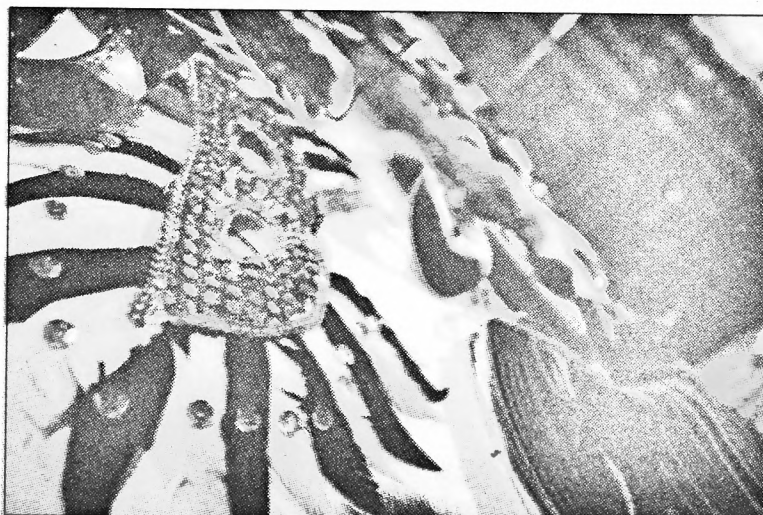


Danielle Vander Schaaf (left) accepts her award from senior class president Kayla Rolling.



Seniors Rachel Fisher (left) and Sarah Schrock have refreshments at the ball.

At the ball seniors select a colorful mask and enjoy the festivities.



(from left to right) Emily Borger, Amelia Claus, Amanda Luby and Ben Miller play in the string quartet, adding atmosphere to the ball.

Senior wins big on game show

Olivet student competes on 'Wheel of Fortune'

Luverta Reames
Assistant Life Editor

Christian Hall, a senior Olivet student, competed on "Wheel of Fortune" and won over \$8,000.

Her journey to fame and fortune began in January, when she signed up with her dad on the show's website to be a contestant.

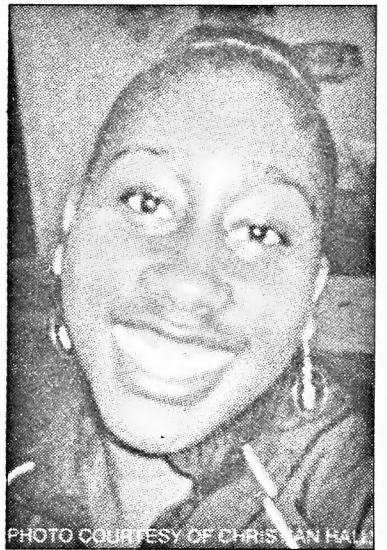
Hall wasn't really expecting to audition, but in May she received an e-mail asking her to do just that.

"I thought 'No way,' Hall said. 'I called my parents and said, 'You will never believe what happened to me.' My mom thought it was a hoax."

Hall traveled to Sony Pictures Studios in Los Angeles three weeks later to audition with 70 people in the ballroom of the Palmer House, a Hilton Hotel.

After the first round of auditions, Hall took a written test and thought she answered about half of the questions correctly.

"Well, I thought 'at least I



Senior Christian Hall won \$8,650 on "Wheel of Fortune."

dition process, including a few practice rounds at the wheel, and within a month she received a letter.

She had been chosen to compete.

"I didn't believe it, because I did not think I had done as well as everyone else [who auditioned]," she said.

Hall and her family travelled to Los Angeles for the show, which filmed July 13 and aired Oct. 28. While on the show, Hall won the \$1,000 toss-up round and the jackpot. The category for the toss-up was "Food and Drink," to which Hall immediately knew the answer — "candy corn."

The jackpot round category was "Quotation." After her opponents faltered at the beginning of the round, Christian solved the puzzle with "it was a dark and stormy night" for \$7,650.

Though she did not win the game, Hall took home a sizeable amount with \$8,650. She has not received the money yet, but plans to tithe, pay bills and shop.

"I feel like I gained more confidence after seeing myself on television. It gave me confidence that I can do anything I wanted to," Hall said.

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tried," she said.

Despite her concerns, Hall was not one of the 50 people cut after the written tests were graded, which came as a surprise.

"I felt like there were people that were much better than me," Hall said. "One person was a teacher. [Another] guy said, 'If you put me on "Wheel of Fortune," I'm going to propose to my girlfriend.' I thought they had better stories than I did."

Hall continued through the au-



Trees displayed at the Kankakee County Museum's "Gallery of Trees" include decorative items on and beside the Christmas trees. The gallery of 22 trees is open until Dec. 30.

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Trees bring cheer

Andrew Kriz
Assistant Sports Editor

Disappointed Olivet won't allow full-size Christmas trees in the dorms?

Now students have an alternative. The Kankakee County Museum is hosting its 33rd annual "Gallery of Trees" exhibit until the end of the month to help tide over those holiday cravings.

On display are 22 full-sized pine trees decorated from base to top by Kankakee County groups and organizations, on which visitors can vote to decide the community winner.

'Intricate designs and a wealth of history decorate every tree.'

Though the winner does not receive a prize, the results will be announced at the museum.

Vibrant colors, intricate designs and a wealth of history decorate every Christmas tree.

Some contributors incorporated trademarks into their designs.

For instance, the Girl Scouts Service Unit 702 wrapped Girl Scouts cookie boxes in ribbon and placed the gifts beneath their tree.

Others groups, like the Kankakee Kultivators and Kankakee Needleworkers, used their handiwork to accessorize branches.

While appreciating the creativity of the lights and ornaments, visitors can also learn about the history and accomplishments of each organization, as timelines, awards and honors are placed beside the trees.

For more information about the "Gallery of Trees," visit kankakeecountymuseum.com.



Riverside Auxiliary sponsors a tree in the "Gallery of Trees" at the Kankakee County Museum. The unique collection of decorated trees includes a tree sponsored by the Girl Scouts and another sponsored by the Kankakee Needleworkers.

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Handel's Messiah



The 76th annual presentation of Messiah was held in the Centennial Chapel celebrating the Advent season. The University Orchestra combined with several choirs such as Chrysalis, Testament, Orpheus and Concert Singers, to put on the event. Several students in the music department also performed solos.

GAME REVIEW:

Settling with 'Catan'

Andrew Kriz
Assistant Sports Editor

Get ready to build, as four players square off to colonize a remote island in the board game Settlers of Catan.

In the game, each player is an inhabitant on a newly populated island named Catan.

The goal is to build your settlement across the island, becoming the undisputed leader of commerce.

The game board is divided into 19 hexagonal tiles. Each tile holds one of five unique resources needed to further supply your colony.

The mission is to collect brick, lumber, wool, grain and ore. Each hex is assigned a numerical value that helps decide when you'll collect its resource.

When the number is rolled, the hex provides resources for play-

ers with settlements bordering the matching tile.

To expand and score points, players must match requirements to build roads, settlements and cities past their starting two points.

The more a player builds, the more resources he or she can cover.

As a player's settlements grow into cities and further settlements, he or she accumulates "Victory Points." The goal is to be the first player to reach 10 points.

Through strategic placement, trading and management Catan requires constant diplomacy with the other players and dice-rolling luck to keep a person moving forward.

Players can engage in trading resources with each other to secure ones that are scarce.

The game provides a player-friendly environment, as participants are never eliminated from

competition.

The game relies on probability and luck, so every game can come down to the roll of a die.

Settlers of Catan is for you if:

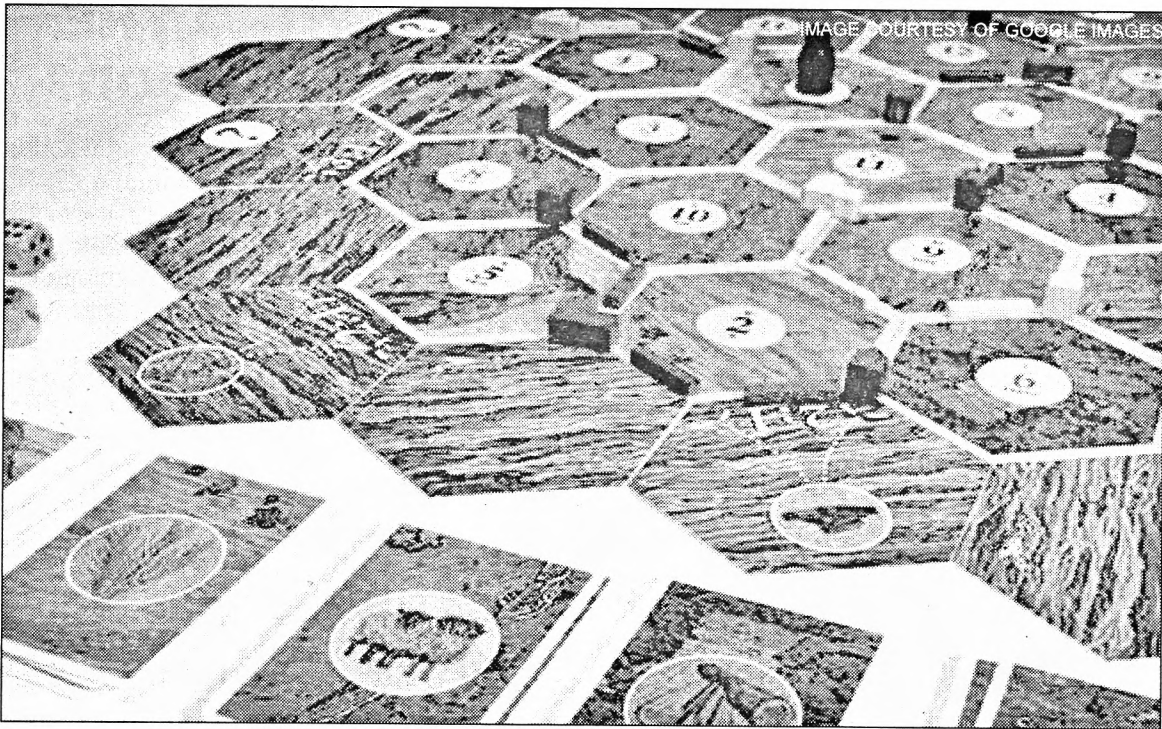
- You like smaller games that encourage player interaction
- You enjoy strategic games and
- You have a little bit of luck.

Settlers of Catan is *not* for you if:

- You are short on time, as some games may last as long as 90 minutes,
- You do not enjoy dice-rolling games and
- You avoid non-linear games.

This game is best played with four players but supports a minimum of three. If finding a group is an issue, the game can be downloaded on Xbox Marketplace and the Playstation Network.

In regards to rating, Catan receives four sheep out of five.



If you're looking for a fun yet challenging board game, Settlers of Catan is a must-play.

Tablets: choosing the right one for you

Drew Dennis
Staff Writer

Something has taken the technological world by storm: tablets. With so many tablets of different shapes, sizes and operating systems, it can be hard to decide which to buy for yourself or a loved one. Here's some advice to help you make the best choice.

One important factor to consider when buying a tablet is what you are going to do with it. Some tablets are workhorses loaded with all of the bells and whistles, while others are more simplistic.

The person who loves apps and wants to use his or her tablet to perform a variety of tasks should buy the Asus Eee Transformer. The

Transformer is an Android tablet with a 10.1-inch screen and Android 3.0 (soon to be upgraded to the new Android 4.0). It is the perfect device for someone who wants more than just a tablet. Asus offers an add-on keyboard that turns your tablet into a laptop with USB ports, an SD card reader and HDMI output, which lets you stream video from your tablet to a television screen. Because new Asus tablets are about to be released, the Transformer's price has dropped dramatically. It can be found at all major electronics retailers and costs between \$250 and \$400.

The next, and most popular, tablet is the Apple iPad 2. The iPad 2 is perfect for the user who wants a simple, familiar interface nearly identical to that of the iPhone. The iPad 2 has a 9.7-inch screen and a super-thin body. One of the biggest benefits of the iPad 2 is its

connection to Apple's App Store, which provides a large number of applications to keep you occupied. The simple operating system makes this tablet a great buy for those who are not tech-savvy. But if you are on a tight budget, be cautious. The iPad 2 is one of the most expensive tablets and costs about \$500, nearly double the price of its competitors.

A new tablet on the market, predicted to outsell the iPad 2, is Amazon's Kindle Fire. The Kindle Fire is a tablet that provides Android apps, without the Android setup that can be difficult for people

not involved in the technical world. The Kindle Fire has a 7-inch screen, the smallest of the tablets discussed in this article. Like the iPad 2, the Kindle Fire doesn't

have many external features, like USB ports, but it is a great gift for someone who likes to read and download the occasional app. The Kindle Fire combines an e-book with Android applications for only \$199.

Some tablets are offered at even lower prices, but buyers should beware. Tablets offered for less than \$100 usually run Android's older operating system, which was designed for smartphones.

So if you're looking for a workhorse tablet, consider buying the Asus Eee Transformer. If you need a tablet that is simple to operate, the iPad 2 is a great buy. If you are on a budget and want to be able to do basic tasks like web browsing, e-reading and using an occasional app, the Kindle Fire is perfect. Avoid the cheap knock-offs, and enjoy giving yourself or a loved one the hottest gadget of the season.

'Some tablets are workhorses loaded with all of the bells and whistles, while others are more simplistic.'



From left to right: Kylie McGuire, Rebekah Musselman, Jon Cable and Ethan Burch perform at Lifesong's annual preview night Nov. 29 for a crowd of around 50 of their friends and peers.

Spring musical auditions have low turnout

Hannah Rowen
Staff Writer

Auditions for next semester's musical, "Once Upon a Mattress," took place Nov. 28 through 30, and the final casting was decided over the weekend.

Dr. Neal Woodruff, music professor, and Jerry Cohagan, communication professor and theater director, judged the singing and acting portions of the auditions. Senior Hannah Jacobson, the musical's choreographer, led the dancing auditions.

Roughly 40 hopefuls began the process with singing and dancing auditions, before about 12 were called back for an acting audition.

"Not everyone we use in the show is called back," Cohagan explained. "We only call back the roles we are undecided on. Just because you don't get a call back doesn't mean you are not in the show."

The low turnout disappointed Cohagan.

"Forty people is a low number for the musical," he said. "And we chose this musical based on the response we had for auditions last year, when more guys auditioned than girls."

"We thought we could do a musical that had a chorus of men and women, and surprisingly, we only got 10 guys to audition, which is a bummer." Males are an important part of the comedy, which is based on "The Princess and the Pea."

The musical takes place in a kingdom ruled by King Sextimus, who is unable to speak due to a witch's curse, so his wife, Queen Aggravian, takes control of the kingdom.

The queen declares no one in the kingdom can get married until Prince Dauntless marries a princess of royal blood. The decree prompts the vexed Sir Harry to begin a search for the princess so he will be allowed to marry his lover, Lady Larken.

The plot only calls for eight speaking roles, but the show contains a chorus line that Cohagan hopes to fill with 12 to 22 people. Regardless of how many people he casts, Cohagan is optimistic about the future of the musical.

"I have high hopes," he said. "I go into everything with high hopes. There are a lot of talented folks here at Olivet, and ... I believe [the show] will be worth going to."

At the time of this printing, it is unknown when the final cast will be announced.

Lifesong previews future performances

Heather Mead
Staff Writer

Nearly 50 people gathered to worship in the relaxed, dim setting of College Church's Christian Life Center during Lifesong's annual preview night on Nov. 29.

Lifesong is an outreach ministry in which bands of six to eight people perform across the Olivet region.

During preview night, the three Lifesong groups performed three songs each.

Crowd favorites like "Lead Me to the Cross," "Salvation is Here" and "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" were played during the evening, and an upbeat version of "Power in the Blood," which featured a banjo, closed the night.

After the show, Missions In Action Director Jennifer McClellan said she was impressed with how much Lifesong has grown since the beginning of the semester.

"People are going to be inspired [by them]," she said.

McClellan was not the only person to share her opinion.

The audience used comment cards to praise and criticize each band.

"It's a good way [for students] to interact with our ministry and support their peers," sophomore director Rebekah Musselman said.

Usually preview night prepares the groups for their first perfor-

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mances outside Olivet; however, all of the groups have already done shows this semester.

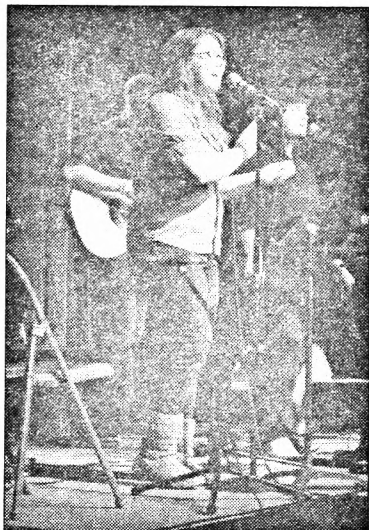
"[My team] has gone to one church so far and will go to two more before the end of the semester," said senior director Natilee Bertolozzi.

The bands are required to travel five weekends during the spring semester; however, they continue to travel more and more each year.

"My freshmen year, we travelled seven to eight times among the three groups," said senior director Jacob Schmidt. "Last year we travelled 19 times."

Lifesong also hopes to combine their talent with Omega, Olivet's outbound drama ministry, as well as with student ambassadors who preach at churches of 80 people or less.

"I love going to the small churches," said Bertolozzi. "The [church] pours blessings back on the group even when we think we [are blessing] them."



Senior director Natilee Bertolozzi leads the crowd in worship. She has been in Lifesong since her sophomore year.

Sandwich wars: Subway vs. Jimmy John's

Sometimes making sandwiches yourself just does not cut it. Luckily, there are two sandwich shops near Olivet that offer delicious subs freshly prepared.

Subway and Jimmy John's are both located on South Main Street in Bourbonnais. (By the way, Jimmy John's also delivers.)

In my quest to find the best, I ordered ham, turkey, provolone cheese, lettuce, tomato and mayonnaise. At Jimmy John's this is called the "Country Club."

The same Subway sandwich had roughly twice as much bread as filling, and the lettuce-to-meat ratio was surprisingly high. The flavors were blended well together, but some bites were better than others.

The Jimmy John's sandwich contained more meat, and the bread-to-filling ratio was perfect. The mayonnaise was evenly spread, making each bite equally

	SUBWAY	J
Distance from campus:	.3 miles	.1 miles
Length of longest sandwich	12 inches	8 inches
Price of largest sandwich	as little as \$5	\$7.24
Delivery?	No	Yes
Tiger Dollars?	Yes	Yes

Jimmy John's outranks Subway in the quality of its sandwiches as well as its close proximity to campus. GRAPHIC BY CAROLYN GOETTSCH

delicious. Also, every ingredient had a distinct flavor that complemented the others.

Jimmy John's not only had better tasting subs, but the restaurant itself also has a better atmosphere. It smells better, too.

Subway was well-lit, but it did not have as much décor as its competition. Jimmy John's is also located closer to campus, which is a plus.

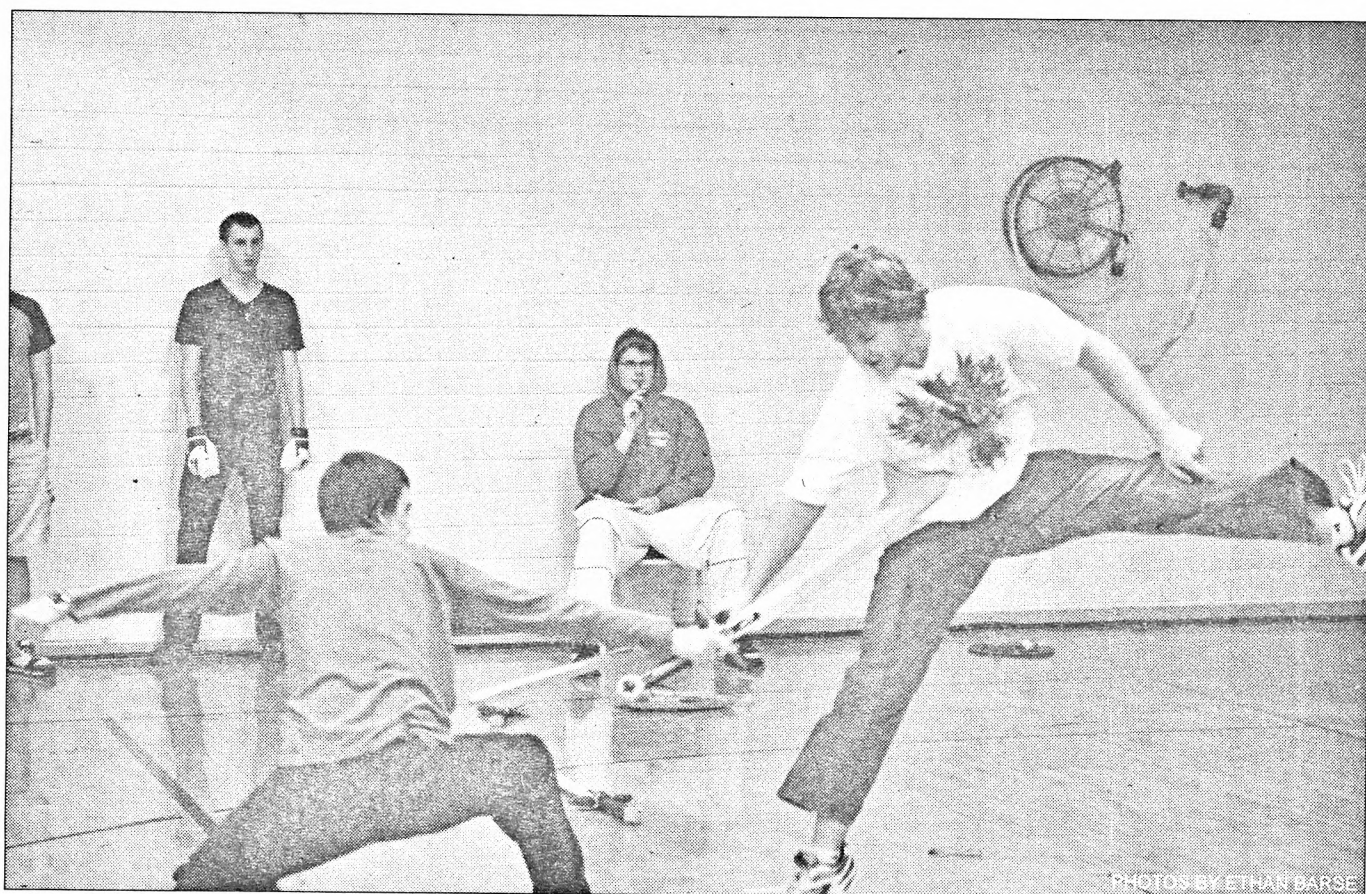
The sandwich makers were very polite in both places. And while Subway had a more diverse drink and chip selection, Jimmy John's brand of chips tasted better than those at Subway.

Both meals were delicious, but, considering the quality of the sandwich and overall satisfaction with the environment and proximity of the restaurant, Jimmy John's came out on top.



Hannah Rowen
Staff Writer

Sophomore Ben Stultz (left) duels with freshman Peter Kraiss at the Tournament Dec. 2.



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Boys become knights

The Tournament marks the end of MRL's 'Manvember'

David Timm
Staff Writer

After a grizzly month of exercises in masculinity, "Manvember" has come to an end.

The month-long event put on by Men's Residential Life (MRL), finished with a large event simply titled the Tournament.

Approximately 100 people attended the medieval-themed affair, which was held in Birchard Gymnasium.

The competition featured a hot wings eating competition, long board jousting, archery, chess, swordplay, arm wrestling and tug-of-war.

The winners of each event were awarded "man points," and the man with the most points, freshman Drew Frey, won a 40-inch TV, the ultimate "Manvember" prize.

Frey had 290 points, collected from being on the winning team at the dodge ball tournament, being the last man standing in juggernaut, completing his "man card"

and participating in all events at the Tournament.

"I had a great time doing a lot of things that I don't do every day and had a good excuse to do them," Frey said. "I could grow out my patchy beard and say, 'yeah I know it looks awful, but it's for a school event.'"

'I had a great time doing a lot of things that I don't do every day and had a good excuse to do them.'

Frey thought Manvember achieved VP of MRL Alex Ripberger's goal of creating unity among the men of Olivet.

"I loved Manvember. It forced me to get out and participate in events with other guys," Frey said. "Who doesn't like playing dodgeball [and] 'Call of Duty,' squirting people with squirt guns and having swordfights?"



Junior Jeremy Height takes aim at the Tournament. Archery was one of many events of the night. It also featured jousting, chess and a hot wings eating contest.

Writing 50,000 words in 30 days

National Novel Writing Month challenges ambitious students

Meg Dowell
Staff Writer

How did you spend this past November? Excessive pie consumption? Doing homework?

For about 200,000 people, November was all about writing.

National Novel Writing Month, or NaNoWriMo, is an online writing frenzy in which writers take on the challenge of constructing a 50,000-word novel in 30 days.

"It really gives budding authors experience on writing with a deadline," said sophomore Olivia Zimmer, who participated in the contest last month. "You don't have to finish your novel in 30

days, but getting to 50,000 words is a huge challenge."

Sophomore Heather Mead, who participated in NaNoWriMo as a freshman, agrees with Zimmer.

"It's hard, writing over a thousand words every day while having to keep up with classes and go

'It really gives budding authors experience.'

to bed at a decent [time]," Mead said.

Several popular books, including Sarah Gruen's "Water for Elephants," were born from NaNoWriMo.

Just because it can be done, doesn't mean the process is easy.

Writers do have to push themselves and stretch their ideas in order to meet the deadline.

"I actually brought [YouTube video series] 'Llamas with Hats' into my novel last year because I

couldn't think of anything good," Mead said.

With a daily goal of 1,667 words, NaNoWriMo challenges students to push past writer's block and create something new.

But NaNoWriMo does more than just challenge individuals to write. Writers who complete the challenge receive a certificate of completion and a free proof copy of their novel.

Some students wonder if the quality of fast-paced writing is good enough to be printed.

"I would be interested to read a book that was written during NoWriMo," junior Kelly Carey said. "I'm always curious about the quality of the books these writers turn out."

Students interested in participating in NaNoWriMo can visit nanowrimo.org for more information.

Medication: the right way to take it

Prescription pills can be as deadly as illegal drugs

Rachel Waltz
Contributing Writer

What do you think of when you picture the average bathroom cabinet? Medicine is becoming a common answer, as both over-the-counter and prescription medications are easier to get a hold of than ever before.

While these drugs can help us, they can also be extremely harmful if not used correctly.

There are a few things you should remember the next time you open the bathroom cabinet:

Medications are technically drugs. It's important that you take them correctly and only for a medical purpose. All medications come with information that explains the purpose of the drug, its side effects and how to take it correctly, such as the correct dosage.

Taking more than the suggested amount of any medication is considered an overdose, and serious side effects could result from misuse.

Prescription medications are only intended for the individual listed on the order, for a necessary medical purpose and for a specific time frame. Do not take a prescription medication for longer than the amount of time the doctor prescribes.

'While these drugs can help us, they can also be extremely harmful if not used correctly. There are a few things you should remember the next time you open the bathroom cabinet.'

It's also important to remember that drugs, like food, can expire. Always check the expiration date on all medications.

Some medications can also interact with other medications. Only a doctor or pharmacist can tell you if certain medications can be taken at the same time.

So the next time you feel the urge to pop a pill, ask yourself a few questions: Do I need a prescription to take this? Was this drug meant for someone else? Am I taking this medication for the purpose it was intended? Am I taking the correct amount at the right time? Has this medication expired?

If you can safely answer these questions, you're on the road to responsibly using medication and safely reaping the benefits. If you can't answer these – stop. Make an appointment to see your doctor, or talk to a pharmacist for more information regarding medication.

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Reaching for his dreams

After failing to qualify for the Olympic trials in 2011, Olivet alumnus Mark Hollis keeps working toward his goals

Sarah Doty
Staff Writer

Olivet alumnus Mark Hollis plans to jump to new heights in the 2012 Olympic games in London.

In his quest Hollis, 27, earned a spot on the American team for the 2011 IAAF World Championships in Athletics in Daegu, South Korea, two months ago but failed to qualify for the Olympic trials that year.

'I am training as much as possible to become the best I can be so I can fulfill my dream.'

This leaves only one chance: the Olympic Trials, which take place at Track-Town12 in Eugene, Ore., June 22 to July 1 of next year.

Hollis is focusing all of his efforts to be ready for this event.

"I think about the Olympics every single day," Hollis said from his home in Elkhart, Ind. "It's something I've dreamed of since I first saw the games on TV as a child."

To prepare for the trials, Hollis works out daily and does gymnastics twice a week. He also has regular massages and chiropractic sessions to keep his body healthy.

A typical training day consists of a morning warm-up of 20 pull-ups, 20 squats, 20 incline pushups, 20 sit-ups and 20 kettle bell rows (an exercise using a weight on the ground, where the person stands with a wide stance and bends over

to bring the weight to his stomach.)

After a hearty but healthy breakfast he begins training again at Notre Dame University followed by a full weight-lifting session.

"Making the Olympic team comes down to one day at the Olympic trials," Hollis said. "I am training as much as possible to become the best I can be so I can fulfill my dream."

Hollis focused on training for the Olympic games after graduating from Olivet in 2008.

That year, he vaulted to new heights, reaching almost 19 feet. That ranked him at third in the U.S. and 15th in the world.

His lack of experience kept him out of the Olympic Trials, but this didn't deter him.

In 2010 and 2011 Hollis was the USA Outdoor National Champion, winning him a spot on the team that went to South Korea at the end of August.

Hollis first became interested in pole vaulting after watching his brother - 15 years his senior - pole vault at Olivet.

Hollis then tried to break his brother's records and fell in love with the sport.

He broke his first record his freshman year by vaulting 13 feet 9 inches. He made his last record-breaking vault his senior year when he vaulted 17 feet 6 inches.

"My experience at Olivet was good," Hollis said. "It really gave me a chance to grow in my skills

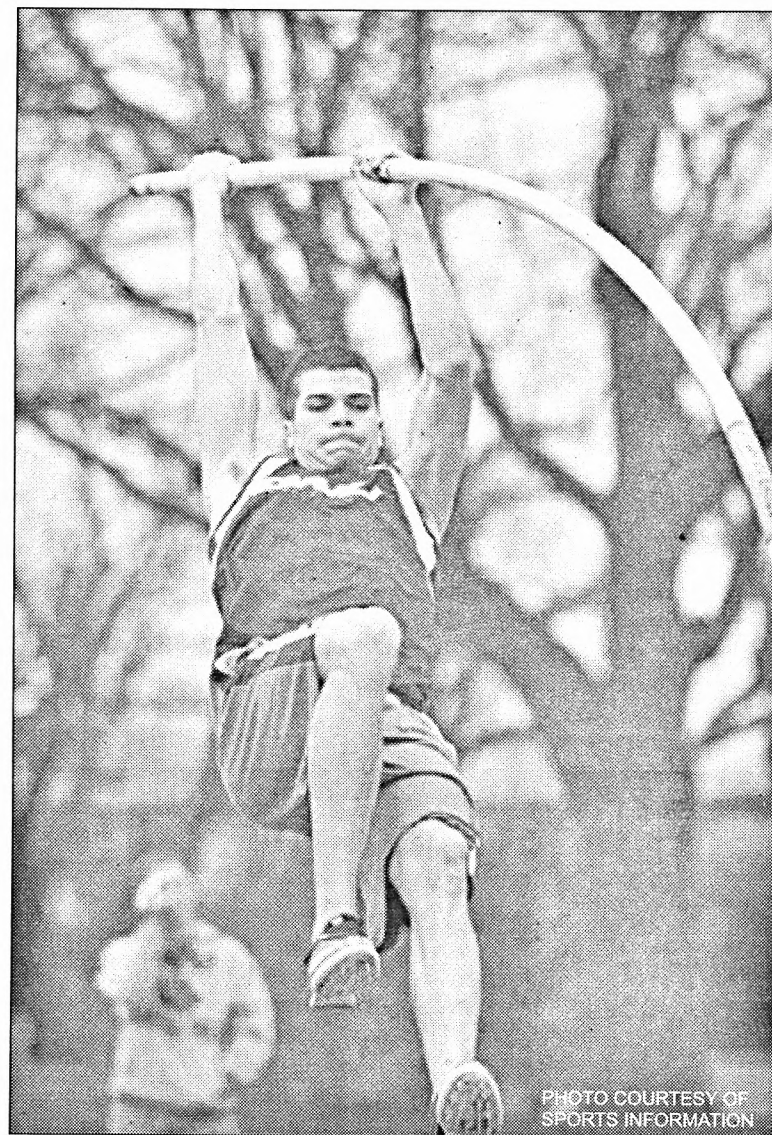


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ONU alumnus Mark Hollis prepares for the 2012 Olympics in London with rigorous physical conditioning.

at my own pace."

The coaches at Olivet steered him in the right direction and gave him the tools he needed to be the best he could be, Hollis said.

He especially drew inspiration from Head Track Coach Mike McDowell.

Not only that, but Hollis also impressed his coach.

"Mark [Hollis] blossomed as an athlete while attending ONU. He

came in as a typical, fresh-out-of-high-school athlete and left a two-time national champion," McDowell said. "Once he got a vision of attaining a higher level, his track career simply took off."

"I tell all of my athletes [in order] to become the best they can possibly be, they have to become a student of their own event. Mark took that to heart and look where he's at now."

IN THE FIELD, ON THE COURT

Shooting around with Hasselbring

Rachel Kearney
Sports Editor

Q: How many years have you been playing basketball?

A: I started when I was five.

Q: Did you play any other sports?

A: Soccer when I was little, football and baseball up until my junior year in high school.

Q: What was your biggest accomplishment in basketball?

A: I was an IBCA special mention all-state my senior year in high school.

Q: Favorite sports memory?

A: Winning the regional championship in high school.

Q: Most embarrassing moment in basketball?

A: My freshman year at ONU, the first home game I played in I shot a lay-up and got the ball

stuck on the back of the rim.

Q: Pre-game rituals?

A: Take a nap and listen to music.

Q: What music do you listen to before a game to get pumped up?

A: Christian rap

Q: Favorite cereal?

Frosted Cheerios

Q: If you could have any superhero power what would you choose?

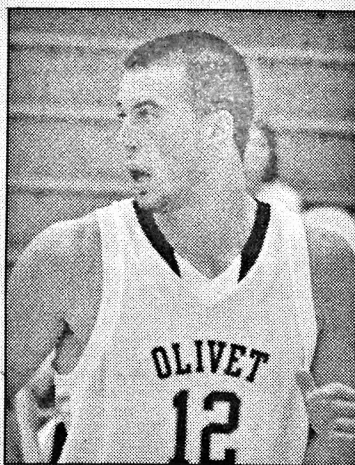
I wish I could fly.

Q: Favorite cartoon?

Hey Arnold.

Q: If you had 24 hours to do anything (money not an issue,) what would you do?

A: I'd get my pilot's license, fly a plane to Africa and base jump off the tallest waterfall on the continent.



Jake Hasselbring

Sport: Basketball
Hometown: Watseka, Ill.
Class: Senior

SCORES AND MORE

Volleyball

11/10 CCAC: Robert Morris University (Ill.) L, 1--3
11/19 NAIA: Grand View University (Iowa) L, 0-3

Women's Soccer

11/12 CCAC: Trinity Christian College (Ill.) W, 2-0
11/19 NAIA: Hannibal-LaGrange University (Mo.) W, 3-1
11/29 NAIA: Embry-Riddle University (Fla.) L, 1-3

Men's Cross Country

11/19 NAIA National Meet (Vancouver, Wash.) 20th of 32

Women's Cross Country

11/19 NAIA National Meet (Vancouver, Wash.) 6th of 32

Men's Basketball

11/15 at Purdue University-North Central (Ind.) W, 78-61
11/18 Warner Pacific College (Ore.) W, 99-85
11/19 at Embry-Riddle University (Fla.) W, 88-83
11/21 at Cardinal Stritch University (Wis.) L, 62-63
11/25 Trevecca Nazarene University (Tenn.) L, 77-78
11/26 MidAmerica Nazarene University (Kan.) W, 82-77
11/29 Carthage College (Wis.) W, 87-85

Women's Basketball

11/15 at St. Catherine College (Ky.) L, 78-113
11/19 St. Ambrose University (Iowa) W, 114-91
11/21 Cardinal Stritch University (Wis.) W, 94-76
11/29 McKendree University (Ill.) W, 114-80
12/2 Harris Stowe State University (Mo.) W, 112-63
12/3 Houghton College (N.Y.) W, 96-63
12/6 at Purdue University-Calumet W, 124-100

IN THE PENALTY BOX

Inappropriate fans

I see rowdy fans everywhere. As much as I don't like opposing fans, I know it's a part of the game. And as much as I love them, Tigerball's student fans, who call themselves "Porter's Posse," can be some of the most obnoxious that I've seen.

We ran into some of these unruly fans a couple of weeks ago during a game. At one point, my coach was talking to officials about some poor calling, and I heard "WAAHH, WAAHH" coming from the stands. I looked up and, to my horror, I saw that it was not college students but adult men, presumably fathers of some of the opposing players.

And it didn't end there. Among other things they did, these two men got behind our basket, yelled and jumped up and down as we shot free throws, mimicking Toby Tiger who was doing the same thing with my college-aged brothers on the other end.

If it had been an NFL game, it would have been expected. Every once in a while, I will see a report in the news about fans (typically adult men) that did something violent because of a game, particularly one at the professional level.

In one of my classes we talked about how Turkish soccer authorities decided to handle dis-



Rachel Kearney

orderly and violent behavior at soccer matches. This year, men were not allowed at games between teams that were known for their unruly fans. Women and children under 12 were allowed in for free.

After the first such game, a Turkish soccer player told the Associated Press, "It was such a fun and pleasant atmosphere."

So yes, adult men in particular can be a bit out of hand at sporting events.

'What's next? Parents beating umpires to a pulp during a Little League game?'

However, if during one of my games I saw my dad making fun of the other coach or jumping up and down to try and dis-

tract opposing players, I would probably tell him to stop coming to my games.

See, there are certain cultural norms. Parents yelling at officials, coaches or even their children during games is unfortunately one of these norms. But two adult men acting like drunks at an NAIA women's basketball game isn't.

I'm not saying that acting that way at any sporting event is appropriate. But it is unfortunate that society has digressed to this.

So then, what's next? Parents beating teenage umpires to a pulp during a Little League game?

Oh wait, that already happened.

OLIVET NAZARENE UNIVERSITY



PHOTO BY MORRIS MCCRIE

Olivet Nazarene University guard senior Holly Schact (No. 21) goes in for a layup against St. Ambrose (Iowa) at home Nov. 19, and finished with 23 points that day. Olivet went on to win 114-91.

Tigers keep on ballin'

Andrew Kriz

Assistant Sports Editor

Women

The Olivet Nazarene University women's basketball team sits at 8-1 overall as it approaches the midpoint of the season.

Olivet is second only to Robert Morris University (Ill.), who holds a 9-1 record before conference games have opened.

As an NAIA Division I team, Olivet is first in these categories: three-point field goals (16.2 per game and 146 on the season), offensive rebounds per game (27.2), scoring offense per game (101.8), and steals (24.3 per game and 219 this season).

The team is second in rebounds per game (55.1) and third in as-

sists per game (19.3).

With their 916 points of offense so far, the Tigers rank third in Division I total scoring.

Redshirt junior guard Danielle Tolbert leads the team in points per game, averaging 11.6. She was joined by teammates senior guard Danielle Pipal and sophomore guard Liz Bart on the Holiday Inn Express All-Tournament Team last weekend.

The women are playing with the same energy level and pace as last season which tallied 103 points per game and a final record of 27-7 (9-1 in conference).

Conference play does not open for the Tigers until Jan. 14 against the University of St. Francis (Ill.) at home.

Men

The men are in fourth place

with a 6-3 record with 20 games remaining on their schedule.

In the CCAC division standings, Robert Morris University claims the top spot with a 9-0 record.

Senior guard Antonio Marshall has averaged 19.9 points per game, 5 assists per game and 2.3 steals per game to lead the Tigers this season.

Senior forward Jake Hasselbring has taken over the starting role after filling in from the bench last season.

As a starter, Hasselbring is averaging 7.2 rebounds per game and 11 points per game.

The men's team is transitioning after losing many of their starters from last season but have continued to battle over the first nine games.

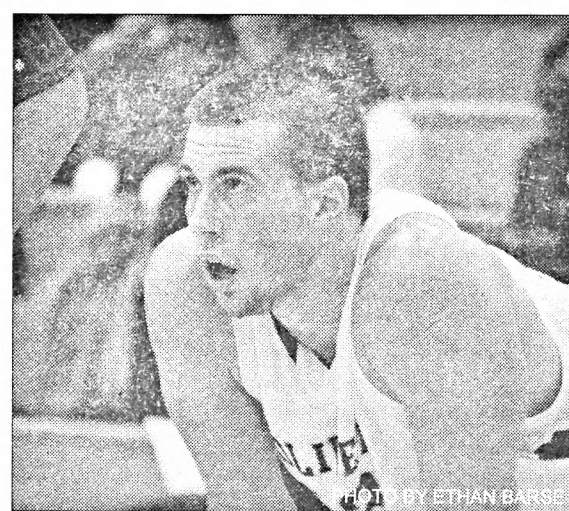


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Above: Senior Jake Hasselbring is stepping up this year for the Tigers. He currently leads the team in rebounding. Left: Antonio Marshall is one of the top returners from Olivet's postseason run in the NAIA National Tournament last season. He currently leads the Tigers in several categories, including points and assists.

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Lady Tigers make historic mark

Women's soccer team goes the distance in national championship

David Parker
Staff Writer

The women's soccer team ended its historic season with a loss against Embry-Riddle University (Fla.) during the second round of the NAIA National Championship Tournament.

The Lady Tigers fell 3-1 on Nov. 29 at the tournament site in Decatur, Ala.

For the players, it was a crushing loss.

"It was definitely really sad to lose," junior defender Devin Johnston said.

However, the coaching staff focused on their effort throughout the game and season.

"Overall, in retrospect, I thought the girls played well," head coach Bill Bahr said. "Neither team dominated the [first] half, except we broke down in the last three minutes."

Despite the loss, the team achieved the milestone of becoming the first Olivet soccer team to win a game at nationals, when they defeated Hannibal-LaGrange

University (Mo.) in the opening round on Nov. 19.

The ladies were pleased with their achievement.

"It is super exciting. There aren't words to describe it," Johnston said after the first game.

One contributing factor to their success this season was the team's chemistry.

"Right off from the start, we had a lot of freshman, so team unity was important," junior defender Katrina Holm said.

As the team is proud of their achievements, they look forward to what next season will hold.

"We only graduate four seniors," Bahr said. "We have

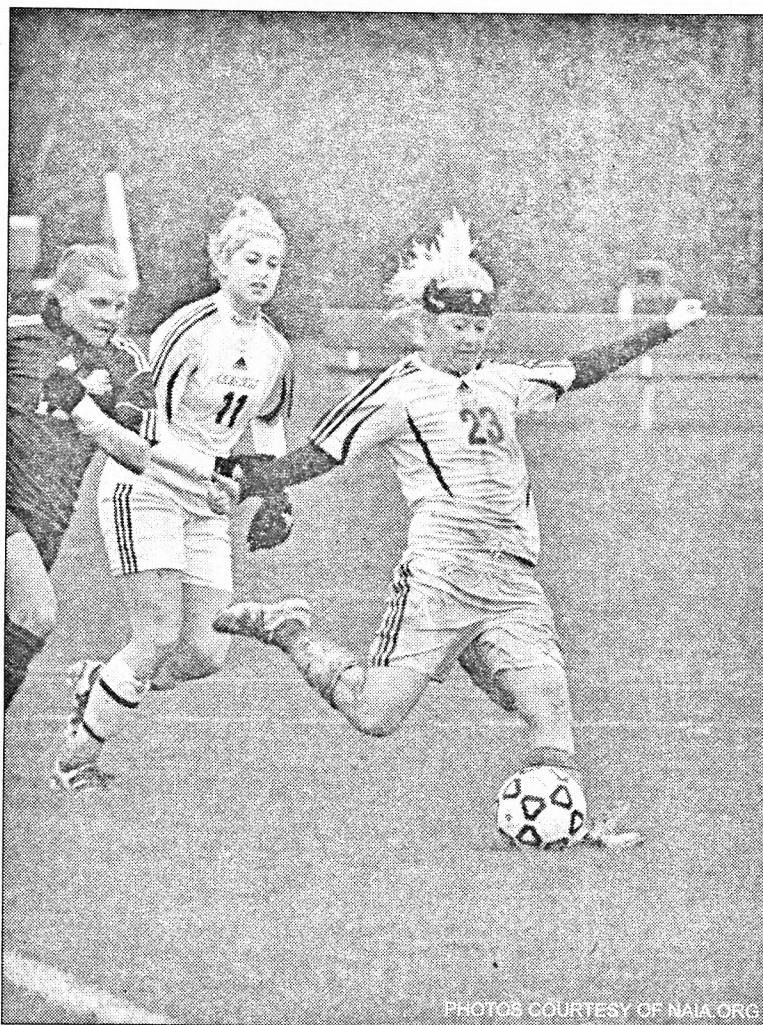
a really strong group of freshman coming in next [year] that I think will make us better.

"I think we can really do something special next year."

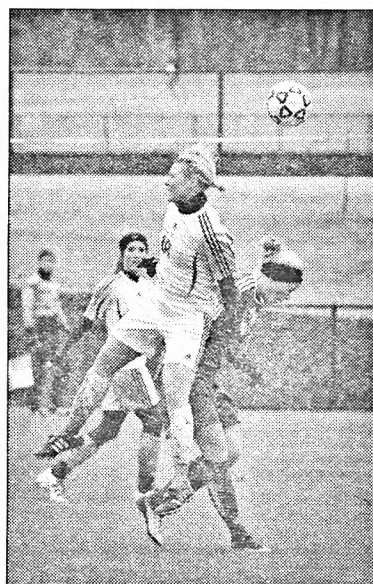
While team members are proud of their success, they know that they owe their success to God.

"The big thing that we stress is while it's awesome how far we've gotten, we can't forget how we got there," Johnston said.

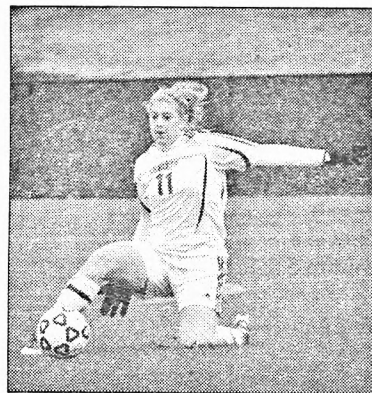
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Freshman No. 23 Katie Smith (No. 23) kicks the ball up the field while freshman Jordan Gunn (No. 11) helps keep Smith clear in their final game.



Senior Janel Schmitt jumps for the ball.



Freshman Jordan Gunn slides for the save.

Volleyball team loses NAIA tournament

Tigers fall from competition in first round

Andrew Kriz
Assistant Sports Editor

Olivet's volleyball team is done for the season.

Despite a promising 28-13 finish during the regular season, the team was knocked out of the NAIA National Championship tournament after the first round.

Olivet, who was receiving votes in the NAIA poll, played 22-ranked Grand View University (Iowa).

Olivet lost in three sets 25-12, 25-15 and 25-18.

They had hoped to do better. Head coach Brenda Williams summed up the team's attitude after the game. "[We are disap-

pointed,] not with losing, but how we lost," head coach Brenda Williams said. "We didn't play well at all. Grand View looked like they belonged in Nationals that night and we didn't."

The Tigers recorded a .222 hitting efficiency in the second game, while Grand View hit .548.

Carolyn Goettsch finished the game with six kills in 14 attempts and three blocks.

"I really thought [Goettsch] played a very inspired game,"

"They have been through the good and bad times and all of them have been NAIA Scholar Athletes while they were here."

Williams said. "She came running in the gym before the game ready to play, followed the game plan and stayed up the whole time."

Another top player, Molly Goldbach, was out due to injury, which may have contributed to the team's defeat.

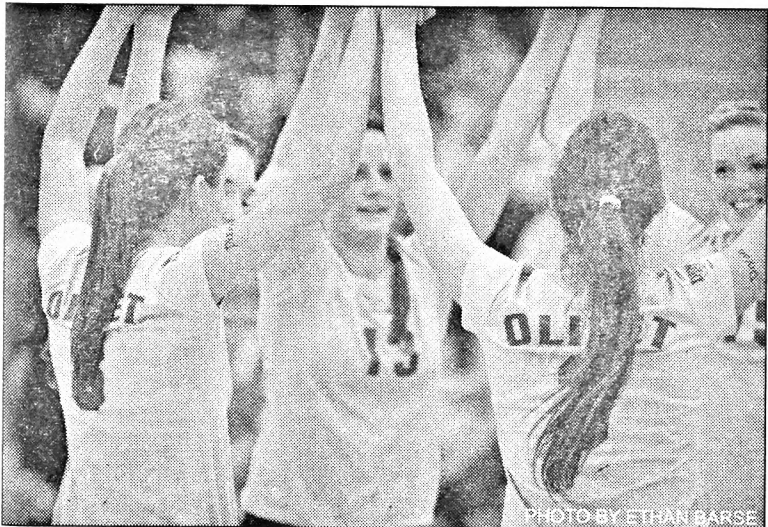
With the end of the 2011 season, four seniors will be departing from the team after graduation.

Goldbach, DeeAnn Garvin, Lauren Comfort, and Terese Byrne played four years for Olivet as starters, reaching the NAIA National Tournament in 2008, 2009 and 2011.

Each player received individual honors as well. Garvin was named a co-player of the year for the CCAC and additionally was the CCAC Libero of the Year. Goldbach was named to the CCAC first team while Byrne was named to the second team.

Comfort was also the team's NAIA Champions of Character Representative.

"They have been through the good and bad times and all of them have been NAIA Scholar Athletes while they were here," Williams said of the seniors. "They have set high standards for those who follow. They are all wonderful Christian young women and are going to go far in life."



From left: Junior Katherine Hozian (No. 8), senior Terese Byrne (No. 13), senior Molly Goldbach (No. 3), and junior Carolyn Goettsch (No. 15) celebrate a point during a game in the first round of the NAIA National Championship.

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Off to the races at nationals



Men's and women's cross-country compete at NAIA Championships

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The men and women's cross-country teams took to the course in Vancouver, Wash. on Nov. 19 as both teams qualified for the NAIA National meet.

Women

The Lady Tigers had the best performance at a national meet by a cross-country team in ONU history, finishing sixth at the NAIA Championship.

The top performers included junior Kortney Ellingboe, who finished 24th with a time of 18:24, senior Lauren Versweyvel, finishing in 29th place with a time of 18:36, and junior Hannah Endrizzi, who placed 34th with a time of 18:45.

"They competed hard, and as a team, they walked away knowing they did all they could," head coach Mike McDowell said.

Assistant coach Kyle Rago agreed.

"They ran one of the gutsiest races I've ever seen in cross-country," Rago said. "I'm extremely proud of them."

Ellingboe was the only runner on the team to be named one of the 30 members of the 2011 NAIA women's cross-country All-American team. The recipients were the top 30 individual runners in the race.

"I went into this meet wanting to be All-American," Ellingboe said. "Once the race started, I said to myself, 'I know I can do this, and I can do it today.'"

The team is prepared to do better next year.

"We are basically bringing the entire team back," Rago said. "You have to look at us as one of the favorites to win next year."

Members of the team share his sentiment.

"I definitely feel excited about

the upcoming years because of how well we did at nationals," Ellingboe said. "In the future, I see bigger and better things."

Men

The men's cross-country team finished 20th at the NAIA National Championship Nov. 19.

The runners with the best performance were sophomore Mitchell Dale, who finished 53rd with a time of 25:31, and freshman Dylan Creger, placing 54th. He ranked the eighth highest fresh-

man in the race.

While the Tigers improved their prior standing from 23rd to 20th, there was some disappointment with their finish.

"The team underperformed, based on the individual talent they have," head coach Mike McDowell said. "We were a top-15 team that did not perform up to par."

The players tended to agree.

"We performed at a higher level earlier in the season," junior Kyle Boone said. "It would've been nice to progress forward."

The team is looking toward the potential for success in the future.

"We are a dangerous team," Boone said. "We're returning our top five athletes, and we only have two seniors graduating. We have the potential to be a top 10 team next season."

"With the talent we have returning, the future looks promising," McDowell said.

"Our best days are ahead of us," assistant coach Kyle Rago said. "We sent notice to the NAIA that we are ready to compete."



Top: Participants in the men's NAIA National Championship take off at Fort Vancouver Historical Site in Washington last month. **Left:** Junior Kortney Ellingboe competes at the NAIA National Meet in Vancouver, Wash., Nov. 19. Ellingboe was the top runner for the Lady Tigers, finishing 29th as she was named to the All-American team.

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